

At page 6, line 1, please insert before "A polynucleotide encoding..." the following paragraph:

95 -- The ATCC number referred to above is directed to a biological deposit with the ATCC, 10801 University Boulevard, Manassas, Virginia 20110-2209. The strain referred to is being maintained under the terms of the Budapest Treaty and will be made available to a patent office signatory to the Budapest Treaty. --

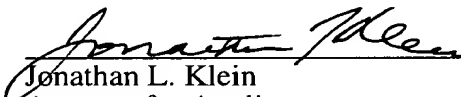
#### REMARKS

The cross-references to related applications has been incorporated into the specification in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.77(a)(4). Headings have been inserted into the specification in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.77(b). In addition, the complete name and current address of the depository referenced at page 5, line 34 has been incorporated into the specification in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.809(c)(4). No new matter has been introduced.

Applicants respectfully request that the amendments and remarks above be entered and made of record in the file history of the instant application.

Respectfully submitted,

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